

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MARCH 1, 2016**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:30 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present**

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**  
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. (***Via Conference Call***)  
Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey  
Honorable William R. Dyson  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza  
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

**Others Present**

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender  
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 special meeting. Commission members, Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey, Honorable William R. Dyson and Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no attorney reappointments to discuss at this meeting.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the list of permanent statuses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Jessica Luu-Missios, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven) and Public Defender Secretary, Sharon Grace, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3, upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Fiscal Database Assistant, James Bischoff, Child Protection Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of his promotional probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to appoint Attorney Alison Bloomquist to the position of Director of

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
ALISON BLOOMQUIST

Training, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, contingent upon her admission to the Connecticut Bar. There was a vote of 4 yes, 2 no. The motion passes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Gene Caouette pending the receipt of additional information.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Mark Henderson pending the receipt of additional information.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve all other Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

The Chief Public Defender noted that copies of the 2014/15 Annual Report was sent to each Commission member.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender